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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, UNHCR, VS

SUBJECT: UNHCR ROLE IN CURRENT REFUGEE PROBLEM

REF: A) SAIGON 3553, B) GENEVA 2110, C) USUN 0979,

D) GENEVA 2180

1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT UNHCR ROLE IN VIETNAM SHOULD BE EXPANDED IN PRESENT EMERGENCY, BUT THAT IT PROBABLY COULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN MOBILIZING ASSISTANCE TO MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM DANANG AND OTHER COASTAL CITIES, (REF A).

2. WE BELIEVE THAT UNHCR COULD BE HELPFUL IN ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS: (A) SERVING AS FOCAL POINT FOR THE COLLECTION AND CHANNELING OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR REFUGEE RELIEF FROM THE WORLD COMMUNITY, (B) RECEIVING AND SCREEN-  
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ING REQUIREMENTS FROM THE GVN AND REPORTING TO POTENTIAL

DONORS, (C) DEVELOPING A SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING FOR AND REPORTING CONTRIBUTIONS, AND (D) COORDINATING THE WORK OF UN AGENCIES, INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO MEET OPERATIONAL RELIEF NEEDS AS DEFINED BY THE GVN AND TO ASSURE THAT REFUGEES ARE RECEIVING ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED. THE UNHCR HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN FOCAL POINT ROLE INVOLVING ALL OF THESE ELEMENTS DURING BENGALI REFUGEE MOVEMENT INTO INDIA SEVERAL YEARS AGO, IN PRESENT CYPRUS SITUATION, AND ELSEWHERE. EXTENT OF ITS ROLE IN RVN WOULD DEPEND UPON WISHES OF GVN AND WILLINGNESS OF UNSYG AND UNHCR TO BECOME INVOLVED, AS WELL AS UNHCR CAPABILITY IN

LIGHT OF OTHER CURRENT DEMANDS UPON ITS SERVICES, SUCH AS CYPRUS, FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES, AND CHILEAN REFUGEES.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH DEPARTMENT AND AID OFFICIALS MARCH 27, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES DAYAL AND COAT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER WOULD HAVE TO PRESERVE BALANCE BETWEEN RELIEF EFFORTS IN RVN AND THOSE IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY PRG. THEY ALSO WERE SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO AGREE THAT UNHCR SHOULD APPEAL FOR FUNDS IMMEDIATELY ON HEELS OF RED CROSS APPEAL (REF B).

4. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, EMBASSY SAIGON IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH GVN WHAT ROLE IT WOULD WISH UNHCR TO PLAY IN PRESENT REFUGEE SITUATION AND ASK GVN TO REQUEST UNSYG TO GIVE UNHCR A MANDATE ACCORDINGLY. REF C REPORTS THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S ATTITUDE IS POSITIVE AND THAT HE EXPECTS THE UN TO PLAY A LARGER ROLE.

5. GENEVA IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN UNHCR CAPABILITY TO ASSUME ROLE IN REFUGEE RELIEF OPERATION IN VIETNAM WITHOUT IMPAIRING ITS IMPORTANT WORK IN CYPRUS, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. KISSINGER

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